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Applicant: : Bobby J. Johnson
Filed: : 08/13/2003
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is an independent inventor. A statement was already filed.

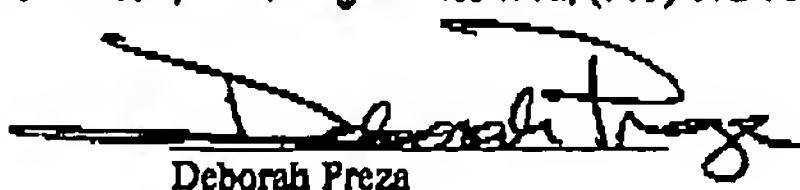
EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION
(37 C.F.R. 1.8 (a))

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Amendment A, including Amendments to the Claims, Amendments to the Drawings and Remarks, is being transmitted by facsimile to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Art Unit 2831, Attn: Angel R. Estrada, (703) 872-9318 on February 11, 2004.

Dated: February 11, 2004


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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3) SMALL ENTITY
Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra Rate Addit. Fee
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Indep. 1	Minus 3	= 0 x \$43 = \$0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim		+ \$145 = \$0
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No additional fee for claims is required.

Very respectfully,

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AMENDMENT A

Sir:

In response to the non-final Examiner's Action mailed 11/13/2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire 02/13/2003, please amend the above-identified patent application a first time as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are attached following page 4 of this paper and include a Replacement Sheet, a Declaration of Facts, and Applicant's file copy of Figs. 1 and 2 as filed. No annotated sheet showing changes is attached because the attached Replacement Sheet replaces a sheet of drawings that was not filed by Applicant at the time the present patent application was filed.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.